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November 23, 1972

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SALT TWO
SESSION I
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION
U.S. SALT DELEGATION
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DATE: November 23, 1972
TIME: 9:15 am to 10:45 am
PLACE: Aboard train from
Geneva to Bern

SUBJECT: Smith-Semenov Conversation

PARTICIPANTS: US USSR

Ambassador Gerard C. Smith
Mr. William D. Krimer,
Interpreter

Deputy Foreign Minister V.S. Semenov
Mr. Yu. P. Klyukin, Interpreter

In the course of a largely non-substantive conversation Minister Semenov remarked that he had taken particular note of the first paragraph of Section V in Ambassador Smith's statement on November 21.

Replying to Smith's inquiry concerning Brezhnev's health, Semenov said he had seen Brezhnev a few days ago and he had appeared to look well. He pointed out that Brezhnev had to cut short his vacation in the south after nine days in order to visit the critical agricultural areas in the non-European part of Russia. Semenov said that the grain harvest in the non-European part had by and large been satisfactory, while unprecedented weather phenomena in the European part of Russia had seriously affected agricultural production. Referring to the grain sales by the United States to the Soviet Union, Semenov expressed his belief that this commercial relationship would probably be of a lasting nature.

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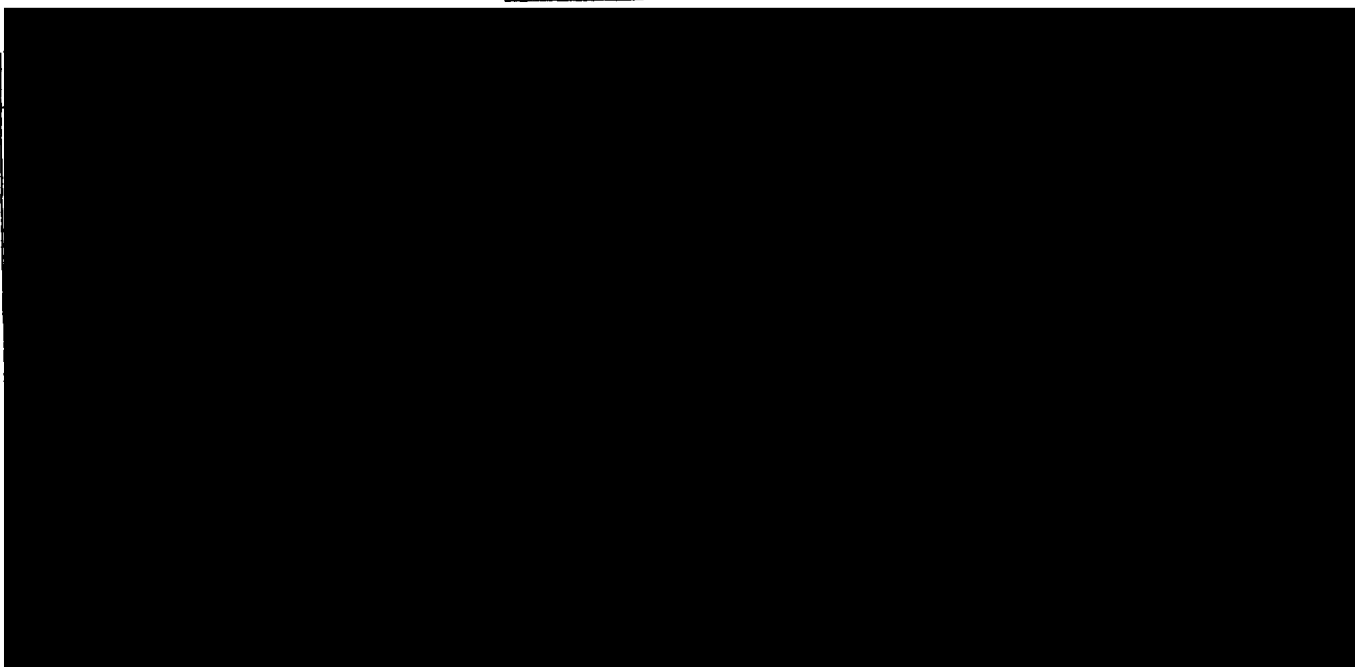
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